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## **U.S. CONGRESSMAN McCOTTER and SENATOR PATTERSON HONOR LOCAL WEST POINT CADETS**

**Lansing, Mich.** – On June 23, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter and Senator Bruce Patterson will honor Peter Kelley and Joseph Lunn with tributes recognizing the extraordinary achievement of their acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point. The event will take place at Northville High School, 45700 West 6 Mile Rd., Northville, Mich.

“It is an honor for the community of Northville to have not only one, but two students admitted to such a distinguished academy,” said Patterson. “Through their unmistakable display of hard work and leadership, they will serve our country well.”

Peter Kelley graduated Summa Cum Laude from Northville High School and was awarded the BorgWarner Scholarship in pursuant with National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Joseph Lunn graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northville High School and was the President of the National Honor Society.

Approximately 1,200 new cadets enter the Academy each year. Each candidate must qualify academically, medically and physically. They must also receive a nomination from an approved source, such as a member of Congress. The Academy ranks fourth among the nation's colleges and universities in number of Rhodes Scholars with 70.

Upon graduation, cadets are awarded bachelor of science degrees and commissions in the U.S. Army. They serve on active duty for a minimum of five years. Over the last 200 years, West Point graduates have been some of our nation's most famous and influential men, including Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, George S. Patton, Omar Bradley, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, and Norman Schwarzkopf. Other graduates have served our country in a variety of capacities, as military leaders, engineers, explorers on land and in space, and as leaders in business and government.

USMA's mission is “To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country; professional growth throughout a career as an officer in the United States Army; and a lifetime of selfless service to the nation.”

For more information on Peter Kelly and Joseph Lunn, please contact Sen. Patterson's office.